

PORTUGAL READY FOR EVENTUALITIES

Premier Defends Seizure of German and Austrian Ships as Necessary Economic Step.

ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE THEM

LISBON, Feb. 25.—(Via Paris, Feb. 25.)—The Portuguese premier stated in the Chamber of Deputies today that attempts had been made to damage seven of the Teutonic ships requisitioned by the government...

Dr. Costa further said that he considered it was in the best interests of the country that the existing treaty with Germany should be denounced and allowed to lapse on June 5, 1917.

The North German Lloyd steamship Buelew is of 8,365 gross tons, 462 feet long and 67 feet beam.

GRID CLUB AGAIN ROASTS ITS GUESTS

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The first passenger to reach the Chicago train was recognized by one of the two gatemen as Senator Burton. Nervous and fussed, he inquired what the two men had and appeared greatly relieved when told that it was "leading the parade."

Clark Has Old Ticket. Among the next batch of passengers was a tall, heavy-set man, carrying a broken plank under his arm, who tried to crowd through the St. Louis gateway.

"I know it!" shouted the passenger, who resembled Champ Clark. "Bill Hearst told me to try to work it off, but the darn ticket never was any good."

Fairbanks and Cannon. Former Vice President Fairbanks, displaying a handful of tickets for a group of delegates "hooked up in the baggage car" of the Chicago special came next.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—A group of republicans from all over California met here today three hours before the executive committee of the republican state central committee was called to meet, and agreed to select and support a list of delegates to the republican national convention at Chicago July 7.

The announced purpose of the gathering was to bring together all former elements of the republican party and thus to insure a republican victory in the approaching presidential election.

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SEEKS CONTROL MANCHURIA

Russia, with Its Railroad Into the Country, Now Dominating Factor in Handling Business.

UNDUE INFLUENCE CHARGED

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) HARBIN, Manchuria, Dec. 26.—Russia's desire to control that portion of northern Manchuria through which the Trans-Siberian railway runs is uppermost in the minds of all Russians in this section, and they are constantly expressing the hope that the European war will result in such a readjustment in the affairs of the far east that Russia may gain actual possession of the territory through which its railway passes.

Although Harbin has an immense Chinese population, it is almost a Russian in its architecture and in the manners and customs of its people as a city in the very heart of Russia.

Conditions in Mongolia, south of the Trans-Siberian railway, are much the same as in that part of Manchuria through which the railway actually runs. Russians have practically all the trade in Mongolia, especially the northern part, and it is in effect a Russian dependency rather than a Chinese territory.

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